Foreign Collabrotaion proposals to useforeign brand names

178: PROF; C. LAκSHMANNA: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that recently a large number of companies ate coming forward with foreign collaboration pro posals purely to use the foreign brand names; ana

(b) if so, what action is proposed to be, taken by Government to ensure that Indian brand names are developed?

THEMINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI *h* VENGAL RAO): (a) No, Sir.

(b) As a general policy, while approv ing foreign collaboration proposals, fore ign trade marks are not ordinarily allow ed for Use °n products for internal sales. A standard condition to this effect is in corporated in all's foreign collaboration ap proval letters, '

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*179. SHRI RAOOF VALIULLAH: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAs be pleased [l]o state:

(. a), whether it is a fact -that ONGC has accepted the demands of Government of Assam relating to employment Of local People in its operations; -.

(b) what are the other demands £*f* the State Government and whether they have been accepted by the Central Government;

(c) whether Government of Gujarat have also submitted similar demands; if ; so, what is Government's reaction thereto; sand

(d) whether representatives $_0$f Gujarat and Assam will be included in the special committee on exploration and research set up by the ONGC?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI BRAHM DUTT). (a) A_s per the recruitment and promotion' regulations O980), of ONGC recruitment of class III & TV categories of posts, maximum of pay scale of which does not exceed Rs, 1250/-, has. been decentralised at regional level. All such Posts are notified to the local employment exchange(s) and candidates sponsored are considered for recruitment.

(b) Some of the, other major demands of the State Govt, and the action taken by the Central Govt, thereon:

Demand	Action Taken
(i) Increase in the rate of royalty on crude on production.	The Government of India has raised the roalty on crude oil- from Rs. 61 pr MT to to Rs. 192 per MT with effect from 1-4-1984 after consultation with the State Governments. The Govt. of Assam have demanded royalty higher than Rs. 192 MT. The Government of As am have stated that they would be sending a a comprehensive proposal, in this regard.
ii Reduction of price of*Gas.	. The Govt, of Asam have been demanding supply of gas at the rate of Rs. 100 per thousand cubic mtrs. for Assam State Electricity Board and at the rate of Rs. 250 per thousand cubic mtrs for other -projects. As per the prices fixed by the Govt. w. e. f. 30-1-87 Gas is sold in North-Eastern States at Rs 1000 per thousand cubic mtrs. subject to a discount upto Rs. 50t) per thousand cubic mtrs. for individual cases on merit.